



News Release

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Date: August 6, 2004

Who: Maryland Army National Guard is conducting a graduation ceremony and commissioning thirteen new officers.

What: The commissioning ceremony is for Officer Candidate School Class 45 and 46 Accelerated. Immediately following the commissioning ceremony, the newly commissioned Second Lieutenants will be pinned with their new rank and will receive their first salute.

Where: 29th Division Hall
5555 Rue Saint Lo Drive, Camp Fretterd Military Reservation
Reisterstown, Md. 21136-4540

When: August 7, 2004
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Why: Ten of the candidates are traditional National Guardsmen and have endured a total of more than 15 months of training. Three of the candidates are from the accelerated class and have undergone 8 straight weeks of training. Army National Guard Officer Candidate School is an outstanding leadership program. It is the first step in the educational process to create a fully qualified platoon leader. These new lieutenants will be going off to their officer basic courses within the next year to complete their initial officer training.

Visuals: The media is welcome to film and interview the new Officers